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SUBJECT: LOS: AMBASSADOR BEESLEY'S VIEWS ON PRESIDENT  
AMERASINGHE AND CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED DEPARTMENT MARCH 22 AT THE  
REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR BEESLEY TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS ON PRESI-  
DENT AMERASINGHE AND CONFERENCE PROCEDURES. THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS WERE MADE:

-- BEESLEY SUPPORTS AMERASINGHE'S CONTINUING TO FUNCTION AS  
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE. IF THIS PROVES NOT TO BE  
POSSIBLE, HE BELIEVES THAT A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFER-  
ENCE, E.G., EVENSEN (NORWAY) OR THE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
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PAKISTAN, SHOULD OPEN THE CONFERENCE ACTING PERHAPS AS A  
"TOKEN" PRESIDENT.

-- HE ENVISAGES THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE BEING CONDUCTED  
IN A NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS. HE IS CRITICAL OF THE  
INEFFECTIVENESS OR THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF CERTAIN EXIST-  
ING CHAIRMEN (UNNAMED) OF WORKING GROUPS. HE BELIEVES THAT

WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED OR CONTINUED ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DIS-ADVANTAGED STATES ACCESS TO FISHERIES, COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, FINAL CLAUSES, AS WELL AS SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS TO ADDRESS DEEP SEABED QUESTIONS. HE MENTIONED FOUR WORKING GROUPS ON SEABEDS IN PARTICULAR: A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (READ THE ARCHER GROUP), FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ARTICLE 150, AND INSTITUTIONS (COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY, ETC.). HE ENVISAGES A ROLE FOR THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE PERHAPS LATER IN THE SESSION.

-- BEESLEY DOES NOT SUPPORT A VETO BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REGARDING CHANGES TO THE TEXT "AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE." THE CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER DID NOT ELABORATE ON PRECISELY WHAT WAS MEANT BY THE QUOTED PHRASE. AT THE SAME TIME BEESLEY BELIEVES THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT HAVE SWEEPING POWERS BUT EMBOFF SAID BEESLEY DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE LIMITS HE HAD IN MIND.

-- BEESLEY ALSO HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF ROTATING THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AS PRESIDENT BUT HE SAW NO SPECIAL MERIT IN THE IDEA EITHER. VANCE

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